

Romans #087

“It’s not what you have but who you know and serve”

Romans 6:11-13

John Wesley's attitude is worthy of pondering.

When he learned that his house had been destroyed by fire, he exclaimed, "The Lord's house burned.

One less responsibility for me!"

Our Daily Bread

Identification with Jesus Christ in

His death is always related to positional sanctification or justification; identification with Him in

His resurrection is always related to the Christian life or experiential sanctification; we are raised to walk in newness of life.

Biblical truth demands application and effective truth for life brings spiritual growth and application to contemporary history.

Emotion may result from thinking but emotion must never be allowed to dictate to and destroy thinking.

We must begin to think in terms of the Word of God when we have a conflict in our souls between how we feel and what the Bible says and we must always go with what the Word says, rather than how we feel.

In the spiritual death of Christ on the cross, all personal sins were imputed to Him and judged but human good and evil are NOT imputed or judged at the cross and in the physical death and burial of Jesus, there was total separation from good and evil; the body of Jesus was in the grave, separated from good and evil, the spirit of Jesus was in the presence of the Father, separated from good and evil and the soul of Jesus was in Paradise, separated from good and evil.

We don't have a religion in Christianity but a relationship.

The moment we believe in Jesus Christ, positionally, we are divorced from the sin nature and positionally, we have a new husband because we are in union with Christ. *Salvation is divorcing one husband and marrying another; dying to the old husband and becoming alive to the new husband.*

The sin nature husband is still around seeking to regain his control over the wife, the believer, but union with the second husband, the Lord Jesus Christ, has broken the first husband's authority over the former wife.

Jesus Christ, your Savior and Lord positionally, is not necessarily your sovereign ruler, experientially.

There's a big difference between positional victory over the sin nature and experiential victory.

Positionally, the power of the sin nature is broken; experientially whether this becomes a reality depends upon the believer's attitude toward the Word, the recovery technique and his spiritual growth.

The believer in Jesus Christ executes this negative command based upon the positional

provision of retroactive positional truth, plus the experiential provision of living grace support in advancing to spiritual maturity.

This is a negative command meaning something has to be shut down or turned off and the prohibition indicates that the believer has an option after salvation regarding rulership of the sin nature.

The breaking of the sin nature's power means that experientially, there can be and should be a change.

Positional Christianity gives us the opportunity to exercise our options in the Christian experience.

We must exercise our option for the Word of God every day so we can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.